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SUMMARY: ELEVEN COUNTRIES (FRANCE, ROMANIA, CANADA,
SPAIN, YUGOSLAVIA, GDR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HOLY SEE,
TURKEY, IRELAND, AND FRG) SPOKE ON BASKET TWO ISSUES
DURING OCTOBER 13 MORNING SESSION OF CLOSED PLENARY.
CZECH REP BEGAN HIS PRESENTATION WITH INDIRECT CRITICISM
OF "UNCONSTRUCTIVE ELEMENTS" IN US AND OTHER WESTERN
STATEMENTS IN EARLIER BASKET ONE DEBATE. COMMON WESTERN
BASKET TWO THEMES WERE:

(A) NEED FOR INCREASED TRADE, INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION,
AND BUSINESS CONTACTS IN EAST-WEST COMMERCIAL RELATIONS; AND
(B) NEED FOR MORE PRECISE AND TIMELY ECONOMIC/

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COMMERCIAL INFORMATION. EASTERN SPEAKERS COMPLAINED ABOUT
LACK OF MFN AND LACK OF POLITICAL COMMITMENT ON PART OF
WEST TO REMOVE OBSTACLES TO INCREASED TRADE. END SUMMARY.

1. CZECH REP, WITHOUT NAMING US OR OTHER WESTERN
COUNTRIES, SNIPED AT EARLIER BASKET ONE-RELATED
PRESENTATIONS THAT CRITICIZED EASTERN HUMAN RIGHTS

VIOLATIONS. CZECH REP SAID ALL STATES SHOULD AVOID MAKING REMARKS OF A CONFRONTATIONAL NATURE AND THAT OBJECTIVE OF BELGRADE CONFERENCE WOULD NOT BE SERVED IF "AUTHORS OF SLIGHTLY NEGATIVE ATTITUDES" WERE ALLOWED "TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM MATTERS CRUCIAL TO EUROPE." REST OF CZECH DISCUSSION WAS CONFINED TO BASKET TWO ISSUES.

2. ALL SPEAKERS SPOKE HIGHLY OF ECE WORK IN TERMS OF BASKET TWO IMPLEMENTATION. ROMANIAN REP, HOWEVER, SAID ECE EFFICIENCY IN HANDLING BREZHNEV PROPOSALS ON ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT OR OTHER SUCH PROJECTS WOULD BE LIMITED UNLESS PARTICIPATING STATES DID AWAY WITH CONCEPTS OF EAST-WEST POWER BLOCS AND BEGAN TO ADOPT ATTITUDE OF PAN-EUROPEAN COOPERATION. YUGOSLAV AND FRG REPS RECOMMENDED THAT ECE ACHIEVEMENTS AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR CONTINUED ECE INVOLVEMENT IN BASKET TWO MATTERS BE REFLECTED IN CONCLUDING BELGRADE DOCUMENT. CZECHS DOWNPLAYED ROLE OF ECE IN EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR BREZHNEV ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE PROPOSAL, STATING THAT OTHER MULTILATERAL FORA INCLUDING REGIONAL BODIES COULD BE USED. YUGOSLAV REP SUPPORTED CONVENING OF HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT UNDER ECE AUSPICES. IRISH REP GAVE ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE PROPOSAL QUALIFIED SUPPORT PENDING ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT RECOMMENDATIONS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. PREDICTABLY, EASTERN STATES ADVOCATED INCREASED LONG-TERM, MULTILATERAL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND EXCHANGES AS WELL AS COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, FRENCH, IRISH AND FRG REPS NOTED THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AND EASTERN PREFERENCE FOR DEALING WITH LARGE FIRMS DEPRIVED SMALL AND MIDDLE-SIZED COMPANIES OF CHANCE TO COMPETE EFFECTIVELY IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET.

4. FRENCH, ROMANIAN AND TURKISH REPS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF FINAL ACT COMMITMENTS TO ADDRESS NORTH-SOUTH DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AND ENCOURAGED ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONTINUING DIALOGUE IN THIS AREA TO FOSTER GLOBAL DETENTE. YUGOSLAV REP STATED SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ECONOMIC ORDER UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE ECE. CONCERN OVER THE PLIGHT OF MIGRANT WORKERS, BOTH IN HUMANITARIAN AND ECONOMIC TERMS, WAS EXPRESSED AT LENGTH BY ROMANIAN, SPANISH, YUGOSLAV, GDR, HOLY SEE AND TURKISH SPOKESMEN. GOLDBERG

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